

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to an anion exchange resin comprising at least one quaternary amine attached to polystyrene polymer beads. The composition of Claim 4, wherein said beads are less than approximately 0.8 mm in average diameter, wherein said complex comprises a thiosulfate ion-to-silver molar ratio that is selected from the group consisting of less than 3:1, at least 1:1, and at least 1.3:1.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of Claim [[2]] 5, wherein said quaternary amine is ~~selected from the group consisting of triethylamine and triethylethanolamine.~~

7. (Currently Amended)) A composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to
~~The composition of Claim 1, wherein said resin is a cholestyramine resin, wherein said complex~~
comprises a thiosulfate ion-to-silver molar ratio that is selected from the group consisting of less than 3:1, at least 1:1, and at least 1.3:1.

8. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing impregnated with a composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to an anion exchange resin.

9. (Original) The wound dressing of Claim 8, wherein said wound dressing is selected from the group consisting of gauzes, compresses, hydrocolloids and xerogels.

10. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising a medical device impregnated with a composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to an anion exchange resin.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said medical device is configured for placement inside a patient.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said medical device is selected from the group consisting of implants, sutures and other materials left in a body cavity for a period of time.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said medical device is a catheter.

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein said catheter is a urinary catheter.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said medical device is selected from the group consisting of an ostomy appliance and an incontinent device.

16. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

- a) providing;
 - i) a patient exhibiting symptoms of infection; and
 - ii) a composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to an anion exchange resin; and
- b) administering said composition to said patient under conditions so that at least one symptom of said infection is reduced.

17. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

- a) providing;
 - i) a patient with a wound; and
 - ii) a composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to an anion exchange resin; and
- b) delivering said composition to said wound.

18. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

- a) providing;
 - i) a patient at risk for an infection; and
 - ii) a composition comprising a silver thiosulfate ion complex bound to an anion exchange resin; and
- b) administering said composition to said patient.

19-28. (Canceled)